

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for treating a dyautonomic disorder with secretin, the method comprising the step of administering to an individual having the disorder an effective
5 amount of secretin to improve a symptom of the disorder.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of analyzing a compound in a stool sample of the individual, wherein the administration of secretin is based on the analysis of the stool sample.

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3. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises a pancreatic enzyme.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the pancreatic enzyme comprises
15 chymotrypsin.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of analyzing the stool sample comprises the steps of:

measuring a quantitative level of chymotrypsin present in the stool sample; and
20 comparing the measured quantitative level with at least one threshold
chymotrypsin level to determine the efficacy of secretin administration to the individual.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the at least one threshold chymotrypsin level is based on a level of chymotrypsin associated with at least one other individual of the same approximate age that does not have the disorder.

5 7. The method of claim 5, wherein the at least one threshold chymotrypsin level is approximately 8.4 U/gm.

8. The method of claim 5, wherein the at least one threshold chymotrypsin level is approximately 4.2 U/gm.

10 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises Familial dysautonomia (Riley-Day Syndrome).

10 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises Parkinson's disease.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises a disorder of the catecholamine dysfunction.

20 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprise baroreflex failure.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprise dopamine-B
Hydroxylase deficiency.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises familial
5 paraganglioma syndrome.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises aromatic-L-amino
acid decarboxylase deficiency.

10 16. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises Menke's disease.

17. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises
tetrahydrobiopterin deficiency.

15 18. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises a monoamine
oxidase deficiency state.

19. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises a catecholamine
type tumor or lesion as a pheochromocytoma chemodectoma or neuroblastoma.

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20. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises Hereditary
Sensory and autonomic neuropathy type III (HSAN III).

21. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises a central
5 autonomic disorder type.

22. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises multiple system
atrophy (Shy-Drager syndrome).

10 23. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprise an orthostatic
intolerance syndrome.

24. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises mitral valve
prolapse.

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25. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises postural
tachycardia syndrome (POTS).

26. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises idiopathic
20 hypovolemia.

27. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises a disorder of dopamine metabolism.

28. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises a disorder of the
5 cardiovascular system.

29. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises hypertension.

30. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprise Gullain-Barre
10 syndrome (acute idiopathic polyneuropathy).

31. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises Chaga's disease.

32. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises pure autonomic
15 failure.

33. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises diabetic autonomic
failure.

20 34. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprise a mitochondrial
disease.

35. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises syncope.
36. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises renal disease.
- 5 37. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises fetal fatal insomnia.
38. The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder comprises Sudden Infant
10 Death Syndrome (SIDS).
39. A method for treating a dyautonomic disorder or condition with peptides,
the method comprising the step of administering to an individual having the disorder an
effective amount of peptides to improve a symptom of the disorder.
- 15 40. The method of claim 39, further comprising the step of analyzing a
compound in a stool sample of the individual, wherein the administration of peptides is
based on the analysis of the stool sample.
- 20 41. The method of claim 39, wherein the compound comprises a pancreatic
enzyme.

42. The method of claim 39, wherein the pancreatic enzyme comprises chymotrypsin.

5 43. The method of claim 42, wherein the step of analyzing the stool sample comprises the steps of:
measuring a quantitative level of chymotrypsin present in the stool sample; and
comparing the measured quantitative level with at least one threshold
chymotrypsin level to determine the efficacy of peptide administration to the individual.

10 44. A method for treating a dyautonomic disorder with digestive enzymes, the method comprising the step of administering to an individual having the disorder an effective amount of digestive enzymes to improve a symptom of the disorder.

15 45. The method of claim 44, further comprising the step of analyzing a compound in a stool sample of the individual, wherein the administration of digestive enzymes is based on the analysis of the stool sample.

20 46. The method of claim 44, wherein the compound comprises a pancreatic enzyme.

47. The method of claim 44, wherein the pancreatic enzyme comprises chymotrypsin.

48. The method of claim 47, wherein the step of analyzing the stool sample
5 comprises the steps of:

measuring a quantitative level of chymotrypsin present in the stool sample; and
comparing the measured quantitative level with at least one threshold
chymotrypsin level to determine the efficacy of digestive enzyme administration to the
individual.

10 49. A method for determining if an individual has, or can develop, a
dysautonomic disorder or condition, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a stool sample from the individual;
analyzing a compound in the stool sample; and
15 correlating the analysis of the compound with a dysautonomic disorder or
condition or lack thereof.

50. The method of claim 49, wherein the compound comprises a pancreatic
enzyme.

20 51. The method of claim 49, wherein the compound comprises a digestive

enzyme.

52. The method of claim 49, wherein the compound comprises chymotrypsin.

5 53. The method of claim 49, wherein the step of analyzing comprises the step
of determining a quantity of the compound in the stool sample.

54. The method of claim 49, wherein the step of correlating comprises the step
of comparing the quantity of the compound in the stool sample with a normal quantity of
10 the compound found in an individual that does not have a dysautonomic disorder.

55. The method of claim 53, wherein the quantity of the compound in the stool
is indicative of abnormal pancreatic function.

15 56. The method of claim 53, wherein the quantity of the compound in the stool
is indicative of abnormal protein digestion and metabolism.

57. The method of claim 49, wherein the compound in the stool is indicative
of an inflammatory process.

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